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**Application No.: 10/529,241** 

Docket No.: 4590-383

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-15 remain pending in the application. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended.

Applicants appreciatively note that claims 3 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In order to expedite prosecution Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 3 into claim 1.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Seki (US 6,486,425). Claim two is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seki (US 6,486,425) in view of Yang et al. (US 6,686,292 B1) and Van Der Zaag et al. (US 5,904,996). Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Seki (US 6,486,425) in view of Andersson at al. (US 6,456,190 B1). These rejections have been overcome because allowable claim 3 has been incorporated into claim one. Accordingly, these rejections should be withdrawn.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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